

IN THE ABSTRACT

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Oxygen breathing masks with a sound pickup device. A microphone capsule of the sound pick-up device is positioned at the base of a mouth-piece whose aperture is placed just before the mask user's mouth. Such a mask may find particular application for aircraft pilots.

REMARKS

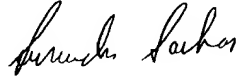
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-8 have been cancelled and new Claims 9-16 are presented for examination. New Claims 9-16 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original Claims 1-8, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. Any differences between new Claims 9-16 and original Claims 1-8 is deemed to at most broaden the scope of new Claims 9-16. The Abstract has also been amended by the present response to be in more proper format under United States practice.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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[The invention relates to oxygen] Oxygen breathing masks with a sound pickup device. A [The] microphone capsule [(2)] of the sound pick-up device [(E)] is positioned at the base of a mouth-piece [(C)] whose aperture is placed just before the mask user's mouth. [Application, in general, in masks] Such a mask may find particular application for aircraft pilots.

[FIGURE 3.]--